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Centaurs In Action

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From the rocky, desolate firebase where the Alpha "Steel" Battery redlegs have positioned their guns, you could hit Pakistan with a rock. The Centaurs choose to spend their time throwing cold steel rain at unfortunate enemies instead.

In the months since their arrival on the barren Afghani mountain ranges, the men of 3-6 FA have learned that the call to duty can come at any time, and that you don't always have time to dress for the occasion. Fire missions called in by their FIST brothers out walking with the Mountain Infantry can come at any time, and when the call comes no time is wasted. Sometimes, answering the call means running to the guns in whatever you're wearing, because the mission has to be fired.

A seemingly tedious day is suddenly punctuated by another mission to bring fire on the enemy.



The missions turn night to day as illumination rounds hang swinging in brilliant globes beneath lazy parachutes, or fill the rocky hillsides with the rolling thunder of unforgiving barrages of jagged steel fragments. Infantry and artillery soldiers alike are bearing witness to the power of the Centaur Redlegs on a daily basis.

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This ANA soldier practices the look, listen and feel technique of CPR at the Combat Medic Course

ANA Soldiers Get Combat Medical Training

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Kabul, Afghanistan—The United States Army understands the importance of medical care on the battlefield. They're now passing on their knowledge to the Afghan National Army (ANA). United States soldiers stationed from all over the world have descended on Kabul Afghanistan to help teach ANA soldiers.

"The program of instruction we

are giving here is very similar to the instruction medics receive in Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in the states", said Captain Alan R. Jones, the medical mobile training team officer in charge. Capt. Jones is originally stationed in Landstuhl, Germany. Capt. Jones also said the ANA soldiers are really excited about learning and are ready to rebuild Afghanistan.

The combat medic program lasts 10 weeks, and this rotation will be the

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From the Top

'Muddy boots Soldier' steps down

By Dennis Ryan

October 3, 2003

FORT MYER, Va. (Army News Service, Oct. 3, 2003) — Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, described his vice chief as a "muddy boots Soldier" and "a Soldier's Soldier who led from the front" at Fort Myer's Summerall Field Oct. 2.

The occasion was a full honor review for the retirement of Gen. John M. "Jack" Keane before a large audience of family, friends, senior officers and congressional dignitaries.

The New Yorker joined the Army during the height of the Vietnam War, after graduating from Fordham. Keane found himself leading a rifle platoon of 101st Airborne Division in that Southeast Asian cauldron one year later.

"The vice chief gets the hard jobs," Schoomaker said. "He's the one who has to take care of the alligators after you drain the swamp."

He praised Keane for changing recruiting shortfalls during the 1990s and for his role in fighting terror after Sept. 11.

"He's been interested in taking the fight to the enemy," the chief said. "He has given everything this country could ask. The Army has been his life."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld spoke glowingly of Keane.



Gen. John M. "Jack" Keane, vice chief of staff of the Army, gives a thumbs up to as he troops the line at Fort Myer during his retirement ceremony Oct. 2.

Spc. Adam Mancini

"Jack Keane is one of the greatest," Rumsfeld said. "He's a man of huge integrity with a noble spirit. In 37 years of service, Jack Keane has proven himself to be a model Soldier."

The secretary said Keane started his career when the Army's biggest threat came from massed Soviet armor invading across the North German plain and finished his service fighting an "enemy in the shadows."

Keane served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the last 20 years, ranging from the Army's largest warfighting organization, the XVIII Airborne Corps to deputy commander-in-chief, United States Atlantic Command.

Keane told the crowd his father never saw him become a Soldier but, as a World War II Marine, he would have approved of him becoming a paratrooper.

"I did not know whether I could lead other men," Keane said of his early days as an officer. "I was scared as well as excited. I quickly discov-



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ered Soldiers do not care where you went to school. All they care about is whether you are competent. Can you lead? They drew me in and I never wanted to leave them."

Keane is leaving the Army, but there was a smile on his face and a hearty thumbs-up for each Old Guard company as he performed his last review.

Col. Gary Lamb and "Pershing's Own" Army Band delighted the general with a rendition of "New York New York" before finishing the ceremony and the muddy boots Soldier's career with "the Army Song."

Married U.S. Army Officers Promoted



TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — In a ceremony held before one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, a husband and wife in the U.S. Army were jointly promoted Thursday to the rank of captain.

Brandon and Jamie Holden, of Baton Rouge, La., and Amarillo, Texas, respectively, graduated from West Point together in 2000, then served jointly in Korea before being deployed to Iraq with the 4th Infantry Division. The two lieutenants have been married three years.

Although the Holdens serve in the same division, they see each other only about once a week.

"It's an honor for me to do this here," Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno said while standing before the palace overlooking the Tigris River running through Saddam Hussein's hometown. "There's no better place to do this than Tikrit, Iraq."

GI wins \$89 million While home on leave in Fitzgerald, Army sergeant buys lucky lottery ticket

Saeed Ahmed - Staff

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Stephen Moore walked into a Flash Foods store in Fitzgerald and plunked down a dollar for a lottery ticket because he was tired of waiting outside in the cold while his brother and a friend shopped for snacks.

The Army staff sergeant, stationed in South Korea, was a week into a 30-day leave. And even though he'd told friends before leaving for Fitzgerald that he'd win the lottery while he was home, he had never played the game seriously.

On Wednesday, Moore became the largest jackpot winner in state history when his ticket matched all six numbers for Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing for a \$150 million prize.

The 30-year-old soldier picked the cash option — worth \$88.9 million before taxes.

"I told my mom to go ahead and quit work," he said Wednesday. He also plans to build a home for his wife and two daughters.

And he intends to finally come through with the dream wedding his wife, Danielle, also an Army staff sergeant, had wanted. Nine years ago, they were married by a justice of the peace.

Moore, a chemical specialist who has been stationed in Korea for nine months, has 10 more years of service left, his mother said.

"[President] Bush needs to call my house and tell me my baby don't have to go back to Korea, that he can stay home," Annette Moore Crawford, 47, said from her Fitzgerald home. Despite her son's offer, Crawford said she plans to return to work as a clerk at a hardware distribution center in Tifton — but in a Mercedes-Benz if she can persuade her son to buy

her one.

Moore found out he was a winner when he came home late Tuesday night and found his wife waiting in the yard.

"She came out the door and I thought I was in trouble," he said. "She said, Guess what, we won the lottery!"

Danielle Moore had checked the results online. The couple went inside and began calling relatives.

"That's when the comedy started," Moore said.

Moore's brother, Rodney, said when the couple called to tell him the news, he replied "Yeah, right" and handed the phone to his wife.

"I could hear [Danielle] screaming on the other end of the phone and I thought, Oh heck, he did win," the winner's brother said.

A factory worker, Rodney Moore, 28, said he played the lottery for two years before giving up without winning as much as a dime. "My brother, he promised me some of his money," he said. "So I guess you could say I finally won some."

The winning numbers were 2-26-37-40-46 and the Mega Ball number was 49.

All day Wednesday, the multimillion dollar lottery winner was the talk of Fitzgerald, a town of about 8,700 people in South Georgia.

A steady stream of customers walked through the Flash Foods store on North Grant Street after word had gotten around that the winning ticket was sold there.

The store is eligible for a \$25,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

WORLD NEWS

U.S. Raid Uncovers Bomb Material in Iraq

By PATRICK QUINN

Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops raided the home of a suspected weapons dealer on Sunday, arresting him and seizing blasting caps and other materials often used by Iraqi insurgents to build the roadside bombs that target American soldiers.

In Baghdad, hundreds of ex-soldiers converged for a second day Sunday at a U.S. base in central Baghdad to demand pay. Police chief Gen. Hassan al-Obeidi told them to form a committee to discuss the matter with the authorities Monday.

With Apache helicopters overhead, troops backed up by Bradley fighting vehicles battered down the front of the house in central Tikrit, looking for a man identified by fellow Iraqis as a weapons dealer and possible member of the Saddam Fedayeen, the regime's former militia.

Inside, they found bomb-making materials and detained two people, including the suspected dealer. The raid took place near the site of an Oct. 1 roadside bombing that killed a woman soldier serving with the 4th Infantry Division.

However, it was premature to say if the two suspects arrested at the house were connected to the attack that killed 21-year-old Pfc. Analaura Esparza-Gutierrez, Major Mike Rauhut, executive officer of the 4th ID's 1st Brigade 22nd Infantry Regiment, told The Associated Press outside the house.

"We had targeted an individual we were looking for and we did find him at this home, along with some incriminating paraphernalia and bomb-making material," Rauhut said.

As he spoke, soldiers used metal detectors to sweep the home's wall-enclosed courtyard while others searched through the two floors of the house.

U.S. troops have intensified their hunt for bomb makers and their bankrollers following a recent increase in roadside attacks against American convoys and patrols, which have killed seven soldiers from the 4th ID, based in Fort Hood, Texas, over the past three weeks.

On Saturday, a U.S. soldier from the 4th ID was killed and another was wounded in an ambush in Sadiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad. The death brought to 88 the number of American soldiers killed by hostile fire since President Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

Former Iraqi soldiers demanding pay clashed Saturday with coalition troops in Baghdad and in the southern city of Basra in riots that left two Iraqis dead and dozens injured. Coalition officials said Saddam Hussein supporters fomented the violence.

The trouble started in Baghdad when hundreds of ex-soldiers assembled Saturday morning at a U.S. base at the city's former downtown airport to collect a one-time \$40 stipend, which the coalition has been paying since Saddam's army was disbanded in May. The crowd began hurling stones at U.S. troops and Iraqi police, who fired shots to try to disperse them.

Some of the rioters moved to the nearby Mansour district, where they burned and looted four liquor stores and set fire to an Iraqi police car in the upscale neighborhood. Back at the U.S. base, an Iraqi police colonel finally persuaded most of the crowd to line up in an orderly fashion so they could receive their pay from the Americans.

One ex-soldier died from a gunshot wound to the head and 25 people were hurt during the Baghdad riot, according to Dr. Abbas Jafaar of the city's al-Yarmouk Hospital. U.S. officials said there were some injuries to coalition troops.

Meanwhile, in Basra, Iraq's second largest city, coalition spokesman Maj. Niall



Greenwood said one protester was shot and killed by British troops when ex-soldiers rioted after hearing rumors that Saturday was the last day they would receive stipend payments.

Crowds of ex-soldiers appeared at the same Baghdad base Sunday, but there was no violence and the crowd dispersed after the police general asked them to form a committee to discuss the problem with Iraqi authorities.

Coalition officials in Baghdad blamed loyalists for provoking the riots. The officials, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, noted that the riots broke out on the day that the first battalion of newly retrained Iraqi soldiers completed their nineweek basic course - a first step toward establishing a new Iraqi army.

"The fact that the payments to the old conscripts have gone without incident so far and the successful graduation of the first battalion of the new Iraqi army seem to have been a bit too much for the old guard to accept," one official said.

"They started to stir the crowd, they spread rumors the last of the conscripts would not be paid, that the coalition forces did not have enough money. There were clearly groups of former Baathist officers with green banners in the crowd, inciting the others," the official said.

President Bush's administration plans to spend \$2 billion to create a 40,000-member Iraqi military by the end of next year. On Saturday, the first batch of 700 recruits completed their basic training at a desert training camp in Kir Kush, 52 miles northeast of Baghdad.

SPORTS Auburn Running Again With

Tenn. Upset



Auburn's Carnell Williams (24) is stopped by Tennessee's Gibril Wilson (8) after a first down run in the first quarter of their game at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Ala., on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003. (AP Photo/Dave Martin)

AUBURN, **Ala.** (**AP**) — Billed as a showcase for star tailbacks and a matchup between an underachiever and an unbeaten, it became Carnell Williams versus Casey Clausen.

Williams and the Auburn Tigers won, overpowering Clausen and Tennessee 28-21 Saturday night and finally looking worthy of that preseason No. 6 ranking.

"I think we've got one of the best backfields in the nation, and our (offensive) line did a good job giving them the opportunity," Auburn guarterback Jason Campbell said.

Not so for the Vols, who gained just 4 yards on the ground and passed three times as often as they ran. Tennessee fell six spots to No. 13 in the latest Associated Press Top 25.

"That was our goal, to stop the run, and make them throw it," Auburn defensive back Kevin Hobbs said. "I really didn't think they were just going to completely forget about the run."

The Volunteers (4-1, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) didn't forget to run, but figured their best chance against one of the nation's top defenses rested on Clausen's arm.

Unfortunately for Tennessee, the result was that Cedric Houston and Jabari Davis were nonfactors - and so was the running game. The duo carried nine times for a combined 14 yards, numbers that dearly cost a team that had been winning tight games but dominating no one.

Tennessee had just 16 carries, and five of those came on sacks.

Williams broke the 100-yard mark for the first time this season, churning out 185 yards on 36 carries. Ronnie Brown, whom the coaches call a co-starter, had 65 yards on 12 runs.

"There is no doubt that they have some of the best running backs in the country," Tennessee defensive end Constantine Ritzman said.

It was a performance Auburn fans had been expecting all along, and one the Tigers are hoping to duplicate in games at Arkansas and LSU in the next three weeks.

"From here on out, I think we're going to show the country we are one of the best teams in the country," Williams said.

The Tigers have rushed for 200-plus yards in each of their last three games after totaling just 83 yards on the ground in losses to Southern California and Georgia Tech to start the season. Of course, that kind of production in lopsided wins over Vanderbilt and Division I-AA Western Kentucky didn't do nearly as much convince the skeptics as this one.

Even the once-maligned offensive line has gained some respect.

"We played so great tonight," guard Monreko Crittenden said. "This is really big for our confidence. We needed to go out and beat a top ranked team."

Williams was appreciative.

"Anytime a running back can run 4, 5 yards without getting touched, that goes out to the offensive line," he said.

The Tigers didn't bother hiding their intentions of relying on run, handing it to Williams five times for 40 yards on their opening drive. Brown covered the final 17 yards on two carries and scored on a 6-yarder.

Tennessee, meanwhile, had five straight pass plays on its opening drive, completing only two while the Tigers got one of their five sacks.

Clausen nearly made the strategy pay off, completing 30 of 47 passes for 355 yards in one of his best career outings. He threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes but was intercepted by Carlos Rogers to snuff out the final drive.

Vols linebacker Robert Peace thinks the teams could meet again - in the SEC championship game.

"They were bigger and more physical than us (Saturday night)," Peace said. "We just have to spend the rest of the season taking care of business. If we do, we could have a rematch."

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Bar at Univ. of Nebraska Serves Oxygen

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — There was no chance of students getting drunk by bellying up to a bar on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

The bar was serving bottled oxygen, not booze.

"I'm not wasted," UNL student Tim Randall, 23, said after inhaling 97-percent pure oxygen for about five minutes. "I'm more relaxed."

Students lined up for the chance to sit at one of three stools at student union Wednesday and inhale the oxygen scented with one of 12 aromas, including lavender, vanilla and strawberry. "It smelled like incense," Randall said.

As an added option, students could also use earphones that played a monotone sound meant to block outside distractions, or wear sunglasses fitted with tiny lights that blink.

The sounds and lights are designed to help with relaxation, said Broderick Thompson, an employee of TjohnE, the Grand Rapids, Mich., company that was running the bar.

"What you want to do is close your eyes and relax your head," Thompson told the throng of students waiting for their turn.

Naked British Rambler Gets Jailed Again

LONDON (AP) — A man attempting to walk the length of Britain wearing just boots and a hat has been arrested again and charged with breaching the peace, police said Saturday.

Stephen Gough, 44, was arrested Friday while walking naked across a busy bridge near the town of Evanton in the Scottish Highlands, the Northern Constabulary said. He was ordered to appear in court in nearby Dingwall on Monday.

Gough was detained just a few hours after appearing before the same court, where he was found guilty of disturbing the peace and warned he would face penalties if arrested again.

Gough is attempting to walk from Land's End, the southwestern tip of Britain, to John O'Groats at the northernmost point in Scotland, a distance of 847 miles (1363 kilometers). Dingwall is about 85 miles (135 kms) from his goal.

He has been arrested several times and appeared in courts across the country, as well as having been badly beaten, and has spent more than a month in prison since he began his trek in June.

In his court hearing Friday, Gough said his walk aimed to prove to society that the naked human form was acceptable.

"I expected people to be offended but I try and believe that people have the right to their own beliefs. I do not feel people have got the right to stop me from expressing my beliefs by picking up the phone, calling the police and having me put in prison," said Gough, who was arrested in August following complaints to the police.

Mysterious Frog Eggs Found in Connecticut

BERLIN, Conn. (AP) — Hurricane Isabel brought unholy high winds and lashing rain to the East Coast. It also dumped something almost biblical on Connecticut.

Primo D'Agata was startled by what he thought was hail smacking on his porch Sept. 19 as the remnants of Isabel moved through the state. But when he went outside to investigate, D'Agata discovered tiny, gelatinous eggs with dark spots in the middle.

It had apparently been raining frogs.

Since no frogs in Connecticut lay eggs this late in the year, scientists and naturalists speculate they may have come up from North Carolina or another warm location on the winds of Isabel.

D'Agata brought a bowl of his mysterious find to a nearby nature center, after the town's animal control officer couldn't identify what had arrived in his yard.

Nicolas Diaz, a naturalist and teacher at New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park, took a look at D'Agata's bowl and told him it looked like amphibian eggs.

D'Agata is keeping two small, water-filled glass jars of the eggs to see if any of them will hatch. He said a few seem to have sprouted what look like a tail.

"I'm going to let them sit and see what happens," D'Agata said Wednesday.

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first to graduate. They began their training on the 23rd of August. The U.S. soldiers are also training doctors and physicians from Afghanistan to takeover the training of the ANA. The soldiers plan to turnover the training duties after the second or third rotation, according to Capt. Jones.

"On a daily basis we have a whole curriculum for the ninety-one whiskey, a combat medic, and we test over airway management, learning how to use the suction machine, as well as testing cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)", said Staff Sergeant Rodney R. Chiles a trainer from Walter Reed Medical Center. According to SSG Chiles, the class also covers bandaging and splinting, trauma assessment, and handling intravenous needles.

Sergeant Chiles also said at first they had problems with the language barrier, but now they have more interpreters. He also said the soldiers learn much better with the hands on training.

The Afghan National Army is going to have approximately 270 combat medics spread out amongst the different candacs (A candac is similar in size to a brigade).

The United States Army donated 500,000 dollars worth of equipment to help the ANA. The equipment is mostly medical, but there are computers and office supplies available to help the ANA get a good start on building their army.

"Our main goal is to give the soldiers a good basic understanding of field hygiene and medical knowledge to help them when the soldiers are assisting doctors. This way, doctors are free to manage more than a few soldiers at a time", said Captain Roy Vernon liaison for Task Force Phoenix here in Kabul. Capt. Vernon also said the soldiers enjoy working with the doctors because they are so eager to learn from them.

Spc. Hoosier Re-Enlists at Fire Base Gecko





On 27 September 2003, Lt. Col. Scott D. Berrier 110th MI BN Cdr re-enlisted Spc. Robert Hoosier, a member of Alpha Company 110th MI BN. Spc. Hoosier decided to re-enlist in front of Mullah Omars' (former Taliban Leader) bunker, located near Gecko Fire Base in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Congratulations Spc. Hoosier...

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The roaring recoil of the guns billows clouds of the tan talcum dust which has covered everything the soldiers brought along. The dust slowly settles when the mission is over, but the redlegs don't just walk back to what they were doing when the call came.

These days, they swagger. The Centaurs have learned much from the past months, but most of all that the ability to answer the call any time, day or night, is what they've trained for. Whether the mission comes in at Shkin, Orgun-E, or any of the remote firebases across the vast countryside, the Centaur redlegs of 3-6 Field Artillery are ready. Each day brings

challenges, and the redlegs reply with honed skill and steady vigilance. And they know it.

But the day-to-day successes have done little to change the fact that each man misses home and family. Everyone knows that the job here is important, and needs to be done. But home is where the heart is, and everyone knows that, too. Phone calls, letters, and packages are pearls beyond price at Steel's redoubts. Each arriving mailbag is impatiently eyed as if it were Santa's own bag of toys. The letters are opened (some smell of perfume), new family photos smiled over, and tonight will bring dreams of home. And if they're lucky, another fire mission.

Weekly Weather Forecast

Mon Oct 06		Sunny	84°/54°	0 %
Tue Oct 07		Sunny	84°/44°	0 %
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Thu Oct 09	\$	Sunny	80°/45°	0 %

Fri Oct 10		Sunny	81°/41°	0 %
Sat Oct 11		Sunny	80°/38°	0 %
Sun Oct 12	\$	Sunny	80°/38°	0 %

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[&]quot;When you put on a uniform there are certain inhibitions that you accept."

⁻ General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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